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Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1-4 stand rejected and claims 5-19 stand allowed. Applicant has amended claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 16-19 and has cancelled claims 2 and 3 without prejudice. Consequently, claims 1 and 4-19 are pending upon entry of this Amendment. No new matter has been added.

Applicant has made various minor changes throughout the specification and claims to improve the application's readability without changing the scope of any of their claims or their range of equivalents. None of these changes constitute new matter. Entry of these changes to the claims is respectfully requested.

§ 102 rejections

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by German patent 198 47 080 to Sesselmann ("Sesselmann"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

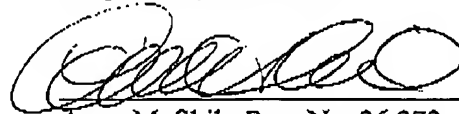
Applicant has incorporated the limitations of claims 2 and 3 into claim 1. Sesselmann does not disclose any end stop structure, nor does Sesselmann disclose arranging the sensor between the end stop and a sliding member. Figures 1 through 4 in Sesselmann show a cable 5 that is allowed to move freely and does not show any end stop structure attached to the cable 5. In fact, the Figures 2a through 2c show that the ends 6, 7 of the cable 5 are left free from any end stop structures. Figure 4 shows a structure 70 attached to the cable end 7 but, absent an English translation of Sesselmann, there is no indication that this structure 70 is an end stop structure. Thus, Sesselmann fails to anticipate pending claims 1 and 4, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 5-19 are allowable. As noted above, all of the pending claims are allowable over the cited art, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

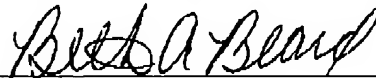


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